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Expert Evidence Again.

Two Whitaker cases excite the attention of the country just now, and in both inquiries the testimony of experts as to handwriting is a main feature. In the to the genuineness and falsity of the signature to the will which is in controversy. There being two parties in the case, the cne interested in proving and the other in disproving the will, it is a necessary result that experts are found and produced who swear stoutly for the side engaging them. The West Point cadet case is a one-sided sort of inquiry in which nearly all the parties are interested in getting at the truth, and consequently the expert testimony may possibly be found to harmonize, though the chances are about even that it will not. Experience has demonstrated the absolute unreliability of expert evidence, and in handwriting especially has it been found deceptive. It seems plausible that a handwriting should be capable of identification, and under most circumstances it is. The only protection bankers have is their knowledge of the style of signature of their customers and they are not often mistaken. But sometimes they are deceived, and it appears that the most skillful in identifying handwritings may be deceived by those skilled in forging them when a fair opportunity is given the latter to exercise departure for England on Saturday, will He seems to think that the convention was their art. Just as in war the assailant give this sketch of him at least local and has the advantage in appliances over the defense and a big gun can always be made to pierce the heaviest armor, so the the term, however worthy he may be of forger with the necessary science and the honors of that high office. His name skill can generally beat the banker.

absolute certainty in the mind of the expert witness that makes his testimony really worthless. He can only testify to resemblances and is bound to admit that with the necessary care and skill those resemblances can be counterfeited. Perhaps he may not so admit, but it is nevertheless the fact, as common experience | trine" that it fails to practice now. We teaches. Mr. Rauch, one of the witnesses | don't : but then we don't assume to in the Whitaker will case, testified that a certain writing was made by the " wrist movement " and another by the "shoulder movement," whereas it appeared that one had been written with the toes and the other with the elbows, the writers in each case having lost their

These facts, of course, deprived Mr. Rauch's testimony of any practical value, and yet did not necessarily contradict it; since, as he said, he only testified as an expert to appearances and not to positive facts. The appearance of the writing may have been, as he said, that of wrist and shoulder writing. But appearances are notoriously deceptive, and it is not surprising that the testimony of experts founded upon such a bed of sand should prove so treacherous. Yet it is still called for in the court. It is taken not as a positive proof but as an approximation to it. But, obviously, of the courts to accept such evidence would work a great deal more wrong have noted, that it is always possible to ticket. get expert evidence on both sides of a case, and it therefore is neutralized and practically thrown out. This was conspicuously the case in the Hay- convention yesterday. They chose E. G. den murder trial, where expert Bower elector-at-large and a full delegation testimony was so ardently relied to Cincinnati. The resolutions adopted shooting. upon that the state sent a professor to advise the support of the two-thirds rule, Europe to examine the arsenic manufac- but the delegates go uninstructed. The tories, that he might return and swear resolutions also declare that the devotion of how two packages of the poison differed Gen. Hancock to the constitutional rights from each other and never could have and privileges of citizens entitles him to come out of the same jar. He proved the confidence of the people, and that Texas it scientifically and conclusively until will, when called upon, show appreciation the other side got a chance, when they of his generosity and magnanimity, and clearly showed that it was all nonsense, pledge the undivided and enthusiastic bullion from New York to the Philadeland the jury after listening for two support of the party to whoever the months to experts, were compelled to national convention may see fit to nomiignore every word they had heard on nate. either side, and to exercise all

witnesses were neither fools nor knaves. We have ourselves had occasion to test the power of one of the handwriting experts who has testified in one of these Whitaker cases, and who is probably as good as any of them, and he showed by the peculiar formation of the letters, of which peculiarities he gave an exhaustive catalogue, that the writing was that of a particular individual, but in a short time afterwards another person acknowledged that he was the writer. Probably if the fees of professional experts were smaller their confidence in their art would be smaller and their number few-

their charity to believe that the

prehensions lest the Democracy in these parts are drifting to ruin, and has advices to that effect from venerable Democrats of Lancaster, who "have grown gray" in the service of the party. It has possibly not occurred to its informants that while their beards were lengthening and whitening the Lancaster Democracy have been surmounting obstacles such as beset the party in no other city or state: and in the face of a most adverse gerrymander they have elected and re-elected a mayor, and obtained full control of the most important three branches of the city government. But to those who contributed nothing to this result, of course, it forebodes only "ruin" to the party! Meanwhile the total Democratic vote in Newport yesterday by about 100 majority. | that Weaverdid not do it. Lancaster county has increased from 9,064 for Buckalew in 1872, to 9,638 in A. NEWELL, of New Jersey, to be gover-9,064 for Buckaiew in 1872, to 9,055 in nor of Washington Territory, and E. J. | two Cubans, Raphaer Foliation and Landson | have also been brought over. | Pina, both cigarmakers. Three shots | have also been brought over. | Perhaps the most attractive, as certainly | were exchanged, and Toledo was killed. | Perhaps the most attractive, as certainly | nor. A little more of the "ruin." please.

If the Patriot will kindly tell us the special instances when the Intelligen- 1861, died yesterday of consumption, at CER convicted Democrats on "its own Orange, N. J., aged 38. naked suspicions" we will answer it and the Patriot uniformly fails to specify. by the queen's wishes.

JUDGE PARKER in his speech before the anti-Tilden convention said that the split in the party in New York would lose the state to the Democracy and would probably defeat its presidential candidate. Probably this would be the result if New York politicians had all the say in the matter. They would perhaps be foolish enough to lose the presi-Philadelphia will case the testimony of- dent as they did the governor. But there fered on each side is equally decided as is not the slightest probability that the national convention will be as silly. The candidate for president nominated at Cincinnati will be one who will command the vote of every Democrat in the land. The Democratic sense is not going to be offended again. We did it once when Greeley was nominated, but the object then was to catch Republican votes. We learned then that the Democratic vote is first to be cared for. There is no disposition on any hand now to repeat this error. The trouble threatening now is the revolt against personal domination: and the easy way to cure that is to give the party what it has a right to ask-a champion, but not a boss.

THE pen-portrait of Hon. Jere. S. Black will appear in the "White House Gallery" of the Philadelphia Times tomorrow, sketched by a gentleman of this city, whose personal relations with Judge Black enable him in some degree to present to the public those phases of his life and character which it has been the aim of the Times to portray in its series of press timely interest. He is not, however, a candidate for president in any sense of is not likely to be mentioned in the Cin-It is the fact that there can never be cinnati convention; certainly it will not be by the advice of his nearest friends nor with his own consent.

> If the Harrisburg Patriot is really able to "comprehend the incomprehensible" it no doubt understands why it preached some years ago a "true doc_ comprehend the incomprehensible.

MINOR TOPICS.

THE Western Tobacco Journal, published at Cincinnati, Ohio, by Messrs. Thomas Mason and George B. Bentley, comes to us enlarged and in remodeled form. It now contains sixteen pages of reading matter, and in addition to its very full reports of the tobacco market in all parts of the world, has added a department devoted exclusively to the interests of the Cincinnati grocery trade. It contains beside much well selected miscellaneous reading. public generally.

In the Virginia Republican convention, yesterday, there was much disorder on actel's) neck and try to dissuade him from of Columbia, keeps the restaurant of the count of contested seats. The "straight- making the change? Mr. Grier alone outs" succeeded in electing chairman. In is responsible for all the disturbance. He the Georgia Republican convention Major | certainly does the police an injustice, for it only serves to ensuare the truth Smith, a Blaine man, was declared elect- they did not interfere, only to tell Andy sum of money for new scenery, costumes, and destroy it. It needs to be corrobo- ed. The Grant men threaten to bolt. The rated by other evidence sufficient in itself | Illinois Democrats lean toward Palmer; to prove the facts; and if this is done it | the Vermont Democracy favor Hancock; may be dispensed with. The propensity the Greenback state convention of Illinois met in Springfield yesterday, chose delegates to the Greenback-Labor national than it does, but for the fact which we convention, and nominated a full state

> THE Texas Democrats made a modest, moderate and sensible deliveradce at their

DR. OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES read a brilliant essay on Jonathan Edwards before the Chestnut Street club, Boston, on Monday. Most of the essay was devoted to the theological opinions of the stern New Englander, Dr. Holmes severely criticising their harshness. On the character of Edwards he spoke with kindly sympathy. Mr. Wendell Philips, in the discussion which followed, showed himself disposed to take up the defence of Edwards. The old theologian, he said, did not differ radically from the current theology of New England. Fifty years before him and a hundred years after him New England was largely inspired by such theology, and it can be traced home to Scotland. We are rather a New Scotland than THE Columbia Herald has grave ap. New England in that respect. This theology has largely affected our present life.

PERSONAL.

Secretary Sherman went to New York yesterday. It is understood that Admiral PORTER will represent the navy department on the of an attempted elopement of Ezell's board of visitors to the Naval Academy at

Annapolis,

Hon. SCHUYLER COLFAX will deliver the annual address before the corps of cadets of the Pennsylvania military academy at | Mississippi for the murder of Miss Norris, Chester, on June 9.

STEPHEN P. SLOCUM, who had been Democratic candidate for lieutenant-governor of Rhode Island, was elected mayor of in-law, Weaver, killed her. He now says 300 fathoms long, and from 20 to 30 fathoms The senate yesterday confirmed WILLIAM

Chin Kiang. Mr. JOHN IRELAND, for many years con-

nected with the business department of the New York Times, being cashier since

Although it is settled that Prince LEOwhether or not we had any further evi_ POLD is going to Canada on a visit to the dence. The Patriot always fails to fur- Princess Louise, nothing whatever has nish a bill of particulars. It has not yet been projected, much less settled, as to a told us what " lie " about Senator Wal- tour in the United States. His movements lace has been repeated through the In- will be regulated by the state of his health, TELLIGENCER. We are ignorant of any which continues to be very delicate, and

For the INTELLIGENCER.

MESSES. EDITORS: We learned through the INTELLIGENCER of last evening that Hayes Grier, of the Columbia Herald, in his last issue has left off his steam which has been closed up for a whole week since the county convention. We can easily account for all the abuse he desires to shower on the head of the honest Democrats of Lancaster city. It must certainly have been very humiliating for him (Grier) to report to his master (Mr. Wal lace) that he was unable to deliver the delegates of the Northern district. It must surely be much more humiliating for him to think that the word has gone abroad that he (Grier) no longer carries the Democratic party of Lancaster county in his pocket (not even the Northern district), after he has repeatedly represented in Harrisburg that such was a fact. He certainly must feel that he does not even carry a delegate that will do his evening. bidding, unless it is Mr. Given, who was only allowed to go by the magnanimity of the opposite side, for he did not receive a majority of the votes and would certainly have been defeated had a second ballot

After saying he would name fourteen enumerators of the census in the Northern district and promising some districts to three or four different parties through Mr. Wallace's arrangement with Cameron and Mr. Snowden, and then to secure only one delegate for his side and that a gift pictures. Judge Black's personal pop- from the opposition, must certainly hurt ularity, his general acquaintance with his feelings very much and tell him plainly the bar here, in connection with his that his influence amounts to nothing. fearfully bulldozed. "Oh, how the mighty have fallen" when the great and bold delegates from Columbia acknowledge that they were bulldozed.

> Men whom he has seen fit to call bull dozers and squealers would blush for shame to be classed with such company as Mr. Grier. They do not belong to the Democratic party for the sake of looking B. Leavitt's companies. around for any little position that will pay a few dollars, but they are Democrats from principle, and they are the men that help to roll up the heavy Democratic vote of Lancaster county, which increases year by year, never asking one cent for their the general government Nor did they tion in a Beston hospital. call in any Republicans such as Sheriff Strine, Andy Kauffman, Tom Cochran, Amos Mylin and others to give them ad- Party" loses its best people.

If any bulldozing was done it was certainly on the part of Mr. Grier. By what amusement in this country, and last week authority did he (when calling the roll of Tony Denier nightly turned away people districts and after the district had voted) ask to see all the delegates from that diswith the call of the districts and allowed six different characters, changing his them to vote without questioning them as clothes on the stage. when Mr. Bechtel desired to change his met's company. vote, to throw his arms around his (Bech-

would not be allowed to interfere. Even after Mr. Given declared he had been elected to preside, and would preside A DEMOCRAT. chances of election.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL. George A. Bennett, a New York police-

John Breen, a tramp, was killed on clear \$40,000. They will open in New Tuesday at Fort Erie, Ont., while trying York shortly, where they will play their

to steal a ride on a railroad train. 10, Brown University, 0. At New Haven main six months.

-Yale University, 12, Albany, 6. At Troy Emma Abbott, -Troy City, 9, Baltimore, 6.

The treasury department yesterday di rected the transfer of \$5,500,000 in gold phia mint, to be coined into eagles and half eagles.

Herman Limberg and Wm. McGarry, strangers to each other, met in a Chicago saloon on Tuesday night, quarreled, and Limberg shot and killed McGarry. The murderer was arrested. The Geneva award bill, after first being

amended to exclude the claims of the insurance companies, was defeated in the Senate yesterday by the adoption of a motion to indefinitely postpone it. A quarrel occurred near Compton Mills,

N. J., between James Sheppard and his brother-in-law, Henrich Moran. Moran stabbed Sheppard twice in the back with a large case knife, inflicting a fatal wound. Moran is at large.

Three men in the jail at Moberly, Mo., charged with murder, were taken from the jail by a mob of masked men. One of the accused, named Ira Caisson, confessed, whereupon he was put back in jail, and the other two, named Yancey and Mitchell, kind ever put upon any stage." were hanged. Around Marlborough, N. J., a severe

frost made sad havoc with peach blossoms and small vegetables. Out of 1,800 peach trees in the orchard of Foreman Taylor, the blossoms of nearly 1,000 were killed. Great damage was done throughout that

On Tuesday, at Mayfield, Ky., W. W. Ezell, of that place, shot and killed Dr. Dalton, of Collaway county, on account sister-in-lay with Dalton a year ago, which Ezell prevented. Ezell claims that Dalton had repeatedly threatened to kill him, and that he acted in self-defense.

James Jolly, who was brought back from in DeKalb county, Ga., three years ago, has taken the officers to the spot where she was buried. The body was found near the surface. Jolly once said that his brother-

There were no seconds. The affair was witnessed by a boy who happened to pass that way.

In a Bewildered State of Mind. Harrisburg Patriot.

If we really comprehend the incomprenensible Lancaster Intelligencer it now believes that a Democratic journal ought not to "hold Democrats guilty until they are proved innocent." We are glad to observe this change of heart on the part of the INTELLIGENCER, as we distinctly remember that we undertook to teach it the true on its own naked suspicions.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

What the Players are Doing. The McGibenys appear in Coatesville to-Jack Haverly is 5 feet high and weighs 97 pounds. Milton Nobles opens in Baltimore on

Carncross's minstrels will be in Pittsburg next week. Annie Ward Tiffany is to have a new play next year.

Monday night.

Miss Nellie McHenry, of the Troubadour troupe, is the wife of John Webster. Ben Maginley will play "The Danites" in this country during McKee Rankin's

visit to Europe. Mary Anderson closes her season in until September.

I. N. Beers left B. Macauley's company after having that gentleman arrested and fined for assault.

Barney Macauley closes his season in Manchester, N. H., on next Wednesday There was a big demand for seats for

Emma Abbott's opera, this morning, when the chart opened Miss Julia Wilson, the Tot of Den Thompson's company, has purchased a

home in Connecticut. Salsbury's Troubadours have very handsome printing, and they show up nine dif ferent kind of lithographs.

Ada Cavendish goes to England at once,

but will return to this country in the au-Annie Clark, who was here in "Our Boys," was formerly Mrs. W. S. Clark, but she has obtained a divorce.

The shows which will visit Lancaster during this and next week are the best this city has seen for some time. The Ford amateur dramatic club of Sa-

vannah, Ga., gave Miss Belle Mackenzie a benefit a few evenings since. She appeared in "Dr. Clyde." R. M. Hooley is said to be making money. but several people are still waiting for

salaries due them from the Megatherian minstrels. Nellie Larkelle, who played in "Evangeline" last summer with John Stetson's company, will be a member of one of M

Billy Barry, the negro comedian, slapped the mouth of Dick Ralp, another actor, in New York on Monday, and he was held in bail to answer the charge.

W. A. Paul, an excellent young come dian, who made the greatest hit of the year in "Princess Toto" when it was played in labor nor expecting to receive an office under New Yok, is said to be dying of consump-When Willie Edouin and his wife (Alice

Atherton) leave E. E. Rice to form a company of their own, the "Surprise The Windsor theatre in New York, wil seat more people than any other house of

who were unable to gain admission. George W. Hunter, Irish comedian, now with Tony Denier, will appear in a new vote of the district? Had he proceeded specialty next season, which he calls is no exaggeration to say that one can see more beauty in a St. Louis theatre on a

much well selected miscellaneous reading.

The Journal deserves a hearty support to the correctness of such vote, there would the "Celebrated Case" and "Banker's from the tobacco men and grocers, and the Daughter word from the city Daughter companies, will shortly marry after church on Sundays, than has been Democrats. Was it gentlemanly for him, Miss Emily Baker, who is with Joe Em-

> Don Juan Wallings, formerly a resident New National theatre, Philadelphia. A few evenings ago he received his annual benefit at that house.

James W. Collier has expended a large Kauffman and Sheriff Strine that this was &c., to be used in the production of "A a Democratic convention and that they Celebrated Case" throughout the country. Mr. Collier's company will be here on Monday night.

J. II. Haverly is having built a tent large enough to contain an eighth-of-a-mile as chairman, he felt that he was not en- track. When it is finished he will organtitled to the place, and withdrew before al- ize a company of noted pedestrians, and lowing a fair vote to be taken to test his give walking exhibitions through the country. It is just possible that some of the performers may be obliged to exercise their professional skill in getting home.-Dra-

The Salsbury Troubadours are the finest artists in their line in this country, man, yesterday committed suicide by and it is said that if their season continues third engagement this season, and will Base ball: At Providence-Providence, then go to Europe, where they will re-

Emma Abbott, who will be here in Paul and Virginia" next Tuesday evening with 45 artists, is the only person who has ever presented this opera in America. She has been highly successful in it, being specially adapted for the role in physique, temperament and general quality of voice. The present company began the opera in New Orleans early in February, and it was a sweeping success from the outset. In one performance the curtain rose eight times on the love scene and the duet, such was the ardor of the audience. When Bob Ingersoll heard Miss Abbott in it he said her singing was 'like the rustling of wings,' and her voice 'is as fresh as the into it the deeper will be our appreciation dew and as pure as the dawn.' Miss Abbott herself says: "The piece is extremely intricate, though there is a great deal of serve. beauty in it which appears simple to some. Even when sung to uneducated people the harmonies of the score reach the heart. and the pathetic parts are always markedly effective. But it is very hard to sing, especially so in the bird song. The opera always draws well, because it a is familiar story, free from objectionable allusions of any kind, is not overdone in any respect, and is one of the best adaptations of its tawa, Ont., yesterday afternoon, destroyed

BERLIN FISHERY EXHIBITION.

Poor Show Made by Our English Cousins. A dispatch from Berlin to the Times says: The British government made no grant for representation in the Interna-tional fishery exhibition which was opened here yesterday, the British exhibition being wholly the result of private enterprise. Much of the space originally allotted to England has been taken by Americans, who now hold it by right of prior occupation. The very slender and unworthy participation of England is all the more striking by contrast with that of America, her immediate neighbor in the building.

Two hundred and fifty tons of piscatorial material, valued at £10,000, has already arrived from America, prominent among which is a whaling boat fully equipped, with all its gear ready for action. Another rarity is a purse seine from 200 to deep, used for netting whole shoals of Near Jacksonville Fla., a duel has oc- mackerel in mid-ocean. Six specimens of curred just beyond the city limits, between two Cubans, Raphael Toledo and Yudabiro which experts were very anxious to see

the most novel objects in the American collection, is a model of the twin screw steamer, the Fish Hawk, specially con-structed for the artificial hatching of piscine ova, chiefly those of shad and cod. A fire engine with horses yoked and men men seated, is also on exhibition among the American exhibits.

Is That the Reason? Carlisle Herald, Rep.

"Impeachment [of judges] is a farce which will not be tried again"—Jefferson, in 1907. Judge Patterson has reason. doctrine in this regard some years ago therefore, for insisting that the only reflec-when it insisted on convicting Democrats tion on the conduct of a judge should be by impeachment.

Beauty Here and Abroad.

A Fourth street bookseller having some grudge against England has been exhibiting in his show-window an assortment of photographs of the professional beauties of London society before which the untraveled American lingers a moment and then walks away saying to himself: "If those are the beauties, I wonder what the ugly ones are like." Of these beauties the most famous of all, Mrs. Langtry, the Lily of Jersey, first brought into notice by portrait Millais. the portrait by Millais, and raised to notoriety by the admiration of the Prince of Wales's set, has a shapely head and a pair of tender eyes, but her nose and mouth are anything but beautiful, and her jaws are sunken in with an ugly depression too common among the famine Portland on May 8. She will then rest pinched peasants of Conemara to be a sign of beauty in a London belle. Mrs. Cornwallis-West is worthy of her fame, but the young wife of the old Earl Dudley gives you a full view of a pair of Calmuck nostrils as she looks at you with a brassy, not to say horsey, expression; and the Countess of Lonsdale, who was admired as Lady Gladys Herbert, is a monumental being o six feet and over. A charming creature, no doubt, in the eyes of Captain Bates and Cofonel Goschen, but hardly calculated to terrific scenes I ever witnessed. win the admiration of ordinary men who do not travel with the circus. If we turn from the professional beau-

ties of high life in England to those of lower social station, we find nothing to change our unfavorable estimate of their good looks. Among the famous "blondes" we remember of Maud Branscombe with the face of an angel on a weazened, little body, Pauline Markham, whom Richard lost arms of the Venus de Milo," and who was a sculpturesque young person on the stage, but with a dull-looking face, and then there was Lydia Thompson the artist, was about six inches in front nerself, who has left no one to take her place as a burlesque actress, but her beauty is not anything to speak of seriously. Miss Neilson, a half-Spaniard, and with the most beautiful woman the American late to do anything but try to save human stage has known. Her genius, her sympa- life. I rushed into the adjoining dancing thetic voice, and many accomplishments hall and helped several gentlemen to earry enhance the charm of her face—and yet, in out wounded people from under the debris. point of figure Miss Neilson might dress Mr. Hocking said he could remember no n man's clothes and escape detection ; her | more, as the excitement was so great that figure is truly English—and angular. he could think of nothing but the wound-

In fact, female beauty is a rarity in ed, whose shricks were beginning to be every other county of the world except heard. this favored land. We leave out of question the German, Russian and Scandipavian nations, for there beauty is almost a myth. In Italy there is a stately beauty of form and richness of color among the peasants, accompanied by a stolid impassiveness; the vaunted beauties of Spain are dumpy little women, with sallow faces and no intelligence. In Vienna alone, of all the great cities in Europe, beauty is as common among women as it is in St. Louis or Baltimore, and there the beauty comes from the Hungarians, across the river. In Paris there is a type of female beauty, dainty, refined, and exquisite, but frail and delicate as the hotthan the blooming rosebud of an American ence, suspended for connection with the

is no exaggeration to say that one can see | 11 to 5. This reinstates Mr. Major. favorite Friday night than in a year's residence in Europe. There is more beauty walks down Broadway in New York of a Saturday afternoon, or on Fifth avenue seen in England in all the 1800 years since the days of Boadicea. It is so common here that it is never noticed as exceptional and our young queens of society hold their thrones, not by any wonderful superiority over the rest in beauty, but merely as the first among their equals. If proof is demanded one need go no farther than to the nearest girls' school, or take a trip in the cars, or look in at the watering places. And the beauty of face and form, and the intelligence of expression, without which beauty fails to charm, are confined to the descendants of no special race, to the favorites of no special class of society. They are as common in the village as in the city; the mechanic's daughter, who so often takes her place in society among the children of millionaires, suffers as little in comparison of looks as in comparison of intelligence or manners. The descendants of the great European immigration which began in '48 hold their own road depot through the streets with the descendants of the pre-Revolutionary immigration. It seems as if Providence which had favored this land in so many ways, had favored our girls in the special way which they would most prefer, had given to the chemistry of our wind and rain, of our sky and soil, the potency sought by magic philters, and had added to its other good gifts by making the land of freedom also the home of beauty. Only those who have been abroad know how meagre is the vaunted store of beauty in foreign lands, how rich the array of female loveliness which brightens the everyday life of this plain republic. Many of us, it is true, have suspected that this was about the way of it, and that American beauty lacked the renown of publicity, not because it was so rare, but because it was so common. We need not fear to examine the evidence when it is put before us and to study the comparisons which lie at hand. The more we look of "our girls," and we are not likely to think more highly of them than they de-

TERRIBLE CALAMITIES.

Perished in a Sail Boat-The Fire in Hull-Seven men who left Point St. Ignace, Michigan, in a sail boat, perished in the

storm of Monday last. A fire in the town of Hull, opposite Otover 700 houses, comprising half the town. and rendered over 4,000 people home less The fire, fanned by a fierce wind, rag d from half-past three o'clock until seven, when the wind changed and the conflagration was got under control. The houses burned were mostly of wood. Several lives are reported to be lost. In one instance, a woman who was confined the day before. perished in her house. The loss on property is estimated at about \$500,000. A serious disaster occurred last night a

the Madison Square garden, in New York city, where a fair for the benefit of the Hahnemann hospital was in progress. At half-past nine o'clock, about 800 persons being in the building, half the front facing on Madison avenue gave way. The wall fell outwards and part of the roof adjoining tumbled in with a crash. That portion of the structure was used as a dancing hall and the picture gallery of the fair. The police and firemen were soon on the spot, and a number of persons were taken from the ruins. At midnight it was known that three persons were killed and seven injured. Among the killed are Mrs. Anna Mrs. W. A. Ogden Hegeman, a prominent manager of the fair and wife of one of the directors of the United States ship insurance company. William H. Fileston had leg broken, and his recovery is doubtful. Miss Josie Streeter, of West Thirty-second street, was seriously injured. When the wall fell into the street several hacks were struck, several drivers were injured, and two or three horses were killed. The damage to the building is estimated all the way from \$25,000 to \$40.000. The pictures, all lent, were insured for \$150,000, but it is believed the insurance was against

fire alone. Mr. James H. Hockin, who was ticket taker in the art gallery, was the last man to leave the room when the trash occurred. of March. Stories of Eye-Witnesser

To a reporter he told the following story It was just about a quarter to 9 o'clock when the ceiling of the art gallery began to tremble and crack. When it was noticed I sent for Mr. Mackay, the superintendent, who came to me and said, "Hocking, get the people out of here as soon as you can. Do it as quietly as you can, for God's sake." There were then fifty-four persons in the room, nearly one-half of whom were ladies. I went in and began to get them out, although I hardly knew on what excuse to do so to avoid a panie. Finally fragments of the ceiling began to drop, and the first thing we knew great rents began to appear in the side wall. The gas pipes are suspended from the roof by copper wires and were swaying to and fro. Suddenly they all fell to the floor, leaving us in darkness. Just before the lights went out I could see the west wall bulging out toward Fourth avenue, and a group of about half a dozen people huddling about my desk. I put my arms around them, and exerting all my strength I pushed them through the door toward the main hall. I then felt a puff of fresh air as the wall fell with a crash. A portion of the beams fell upon my back, crushing my hat and tearing my coat. Then I saw from the head of the stairs one of the most people rushed from the dancing hall with pale faces and garments torn. No regard was observed for the ladies whatever. I did not see a single act of manliness in the struggling mass, who seemed to have lost their senses. The musicians fled and left their instruments behind, and right in front of me I saw four fashionably dressed young men drop the arms of the ladies they were escorting and dash down Grant White celebrated as having "the the stairs like cowardly hounds they were. I tried to do the best I could under the circumstances, but I knew there was no one in the art gallery when I left it. "Mr. Story, of me when the crash came, and he acted with great valor, helping me to drag the people out of the room. I recollected that there were \$100,000 worth of oil paintings all her attractions of the Spanish type, is on the wall which fell, but I saw it was too

STATE ITEMS.

One of the heaviest and most successful prokers at the Pittsburgh oil exchange, i Mr. Cooper, who is not over 18 years old He was formerly a messenger for the Western Union telegraph company.

Mrs. Mary C. Reno, wife of the late General Jesse L. Reno, died at Bethlehem on Sunday from the effects of a fall in that place, caused by a defect in the street. Just previous to her death she was paid \$5,000 as damages for her injuries.

The Methodist Episcopal judicial conference in the appeal case of the Rev. they found the iron in a pile below the nouse exotic, which it resembles, rather Wm. Major, of the Philadelphia conferrolling mill, 50 or 100 yards away from Philadelphia university of medicine and It is only in this country that female surgery, decided to reverse the judgment of of guilty, and the court sentenced the decauty of the highest type is common. It the Philadelphia conference by a vote of fendant to four months' imprisonment on

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE M'GIBENYS.

Their Farewell Performances. The farewell appearances of the musical McGibenys yesterday afternoon and evening again crowded Fulton opera house with eager and delighted audiences. The little folks and ladies especially turned out in strong force at the matinee, a feature of interest in this performance being the presence of the boys and girls of the children's home, who had been kindly invited by Manager Driggs, and who manifested the most intense delight at the little folks' singing and playing. In the evening every seat in the parquet and parquet circle was occupied, numbers of people stood in the rear aisle, and many ladies and children were in the gallery. Prior to the beginning of the performance there was a grand parade from the Pennsylvania railto the opera house. The little Me-Gibenys, seated in a barouche, and vigorously playing their instruments, led off the procession, and were followed by Clemmens's City and the Citizens' bands, who appeared to be using their best endeavors to extinguish each other in a torrent of sound and fury. The route of the procession was brilliantly illuminated by a liberal display of fireworks, under the skillful manipulation of the small boy, by whose expert handling of his light artillery panic was repeatedly threatened in the immense concourse who witnessed the imposing demonstration. The entertainment was similar to those that preceded it, and of the same amusing character. These are certainly very interesting young folks, and the people of Lancaster have evidently reserved for them a front seat in their affection and admiration.

The Board of Pardons.

The board of pardons met at 10 o'clock yesterday morning for consultation on the 18 cases before it, and in two hours and a rape on Mrs. Mary Taylor. Mrs. Mary half had concluded its business. The board | Taylor testified that on the 12th of Febrefused to interfere with the execution of ruary last, she was a member of the family the death penalty in the cases of Israel of Rev. W. C. Cairnes, of the Octoraro Brandt and Joseph Hummel, convicted of Presbyterian church, Bart township. It complicity in the murder of Joseph Raber, had been determined by some of Mr. in Lebanon county, a year and a half ago: Cairnes's friends to treat him to a surprise and they will be hanged May 13th next, and donation party on the night of the with Henry Wise, whose case was unfavor- 12th of February. The party was to asably considered at the previous regular semble at the church and go thence to the meeting of the board.

The pardon recommendation in the case opposed a pardon in a letter to the board.

A few pardons were granted, not of local rope around her neck, choked her and interest. Among these held under advise- threw her upon a flower bed; she screamed ment was the case of John Sober, from and succeeded in getting the rope off her Lancaster county, sentenced for rape.

Sale of Real Estate.

Henry Shubert, auctioneer and real estate agent, sold at public sale, at the door of the parsonage opened, and Mr. Franklin House, Columbia, for the Amer- Cairnes, Josiah Byers and John M. Good, ican Mechanics' building association, a who had heard her screams, came to her as-Willett, of East Thirty-first street, and two-story frame dwelling, situated on the sistance. She positively identified Charles Lancaster pike, to Walter M. Franklin Wilmer as the man who assaulted her. esq., for \$900.

> ated on the east side of Front street, to Miss Lydia S. Brown for \$1,000. Also, the same day at the Keystone hotel, a gray trotting stallion known by

Also, a two-story frame dwelling, situ-

the name of Patchelett. Sold to Moses Emerson for \$297.50. Pay Day. The employees of the Reading railroad

company, on the Reading and Columbia ing towards the parsonage.

COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS.

Beginning of the April Term. Wednesday Afternoon .- The case of Lewis Shine, indicted for jail-breaking, was resumed. It was in evidence that he had been convicted for participation in a burglary at Reinhold's station in 1876. plead guilty and was sentenced to 21 years imprisonment in the county prison, and that during December, 1877, he escaped from jail by scaling the wall, he having been employed at work in the jail yard. No defense was offered and the jury returned a verdict of guilty, The court sen-

tenced the prisoner to pay a fine of \$10 and

undergo an imprisonment of one year. Com'th vs. Samuel Sickels attempted rape. The defendant is only 13 years of age and the little girl, a daughter of John Rhodes, of Rapho, only 8 years old. The little girl testified that she and her two little cousins aged respectively 8 and 10 years were playing together, when defendant came up threw her down and as saulted her. Her little companions ran off and gave information to John Garber, who ran to her assistance, whereupon defendant ran off, and the little girl went home and told her parents what had happened. The defendant did not deny that he had thrown her down and held her down, but said he did so because she had called him names. Counsel for defense cited the law to show that defendant, being under 14 years of age, could not be convicted of the offense charged, and the court so charged the jury. The jury found defendent guilty of assault and the court sentenced him to an imprisoment of thirty days.

Com'th vs. Henry Rappe, indicted for inest and adultery. His daughter, Lizzie Rappe, a rather simple-minded girl of 15 years, who is subject to falling fits, testified that during the absence of her mother at church her tather came to her room and perpetrated the outrage. The girl's brother testified that he saw his father with his clothes off in the girl's room. The jury found him guilty and the court sentenced him to two years' imprisonment for the incest and five months for adul-

Com'th vs. Amos Albright, larceny. three indictments. The commonwealth's testimony was to the effect that defendant and Frank Blair had stolen about 160 pounds of iron belonging to the Pennsylvania railroad company and sold it to Fritz Gotwald, a dealer in old iron, who in turn sold it to the Penn iron company where it was identified as belonging to the railroad company. The defendants claimed that the railroad. The jury returned a verdict

each indictment-one year in all. Frank Blair pleaded guilty to two inlictments of larceny in the above transaction, and the court sentenced him to four months imprisonment.

William H. Butler, colored, pleaded guilty for larceny and false pretense. It appears there is another colored man named Butler, and defendant introduced himself to him and claimed to be his uncle. The alleged nephew was very glad to see his uncle, took him to his home, made him welcome, loaned him a clean shirt six dollars in money and a watch, and then the bogus uncle disappeared. He was captured, however, pleaded guilty as above stated, and for the larceny was sentenced to \$5 fige and three months' imprisonment. for false pretense to \$1 fine and two months

mprisonment. The tavern license of John Fox proprietor of a hotel on the New Holland pike, near the Agricultural park, was trans-

ferred to E. O. Eaby. Thursday Morning .- Com'th vs. Thos J. Arment, larceny. The indictment charges defendant with the theft of iron. the property of the Pennsylvania railroad company. Fritz Grotwald and Joseph Bostick testified that they had bought railroad iron from defendant, and A. C. Hall, an employee of the Penn rolling mill, identified the iron as belonging to the Pennsylvania railroad company. For the defense, defendant was sworn and testified that he was a dealer in old rags, iron and bones. The iron that he sold to Mr. Bostick he had bought from Amos Albright. He borrowed Mr. Bostick's team and hauled the iron from along the pike near Col. Peiper's farm. Albright told him that he had bought the iron, and that his wagon had broken down. He paid Albright \$5 for the iron in presence of Alonzo M. Westwood. Westwood corroborated this part of defendant's testimony. The jury returned a verdict of not

Commonwealth vs. Chas. H. Wilmer. assault and battery, with intent to commit parsonage. A few friends, including Josiah Byers, John M. Good and some others had of Sidney B. Thomas, Thomas Stewart, arrived at the house to assist in making Mark Faldon and John Boyd, convicted of preparations for the party. Between seven conspiracy to cheat at the February elec- and eight o'clock Mrs. Taylor went to an tion in Philadelphia, was refused. This is out-house a few yards from the residence... the case in which Judge Peirce earnestly | As she was leaving the out-house a man stood before her; he threw the loop of a neck, but it was again thrown round her throat and drawn so tightly that she could scarcely breathe Just as she was becoming completely exhausted the front

> Rev. Mr. Cairns, J. M. Good and Josiah Byers, testified that they were in the parsonage at the time heard Mrs. Taylor's screams, ran to her assistance, carried her into the house, removed the rope from her neek. Could easily distinguish her features as she lay on the ground. Miss Phœbe Smith testified that she saw the defendant on the state road about half past 5 or 6 o'clock on the evening of the outrage go-

Lewis H. Linville passed the parsonage and saw a colored man whom he believed to be the defendant, on the embankment